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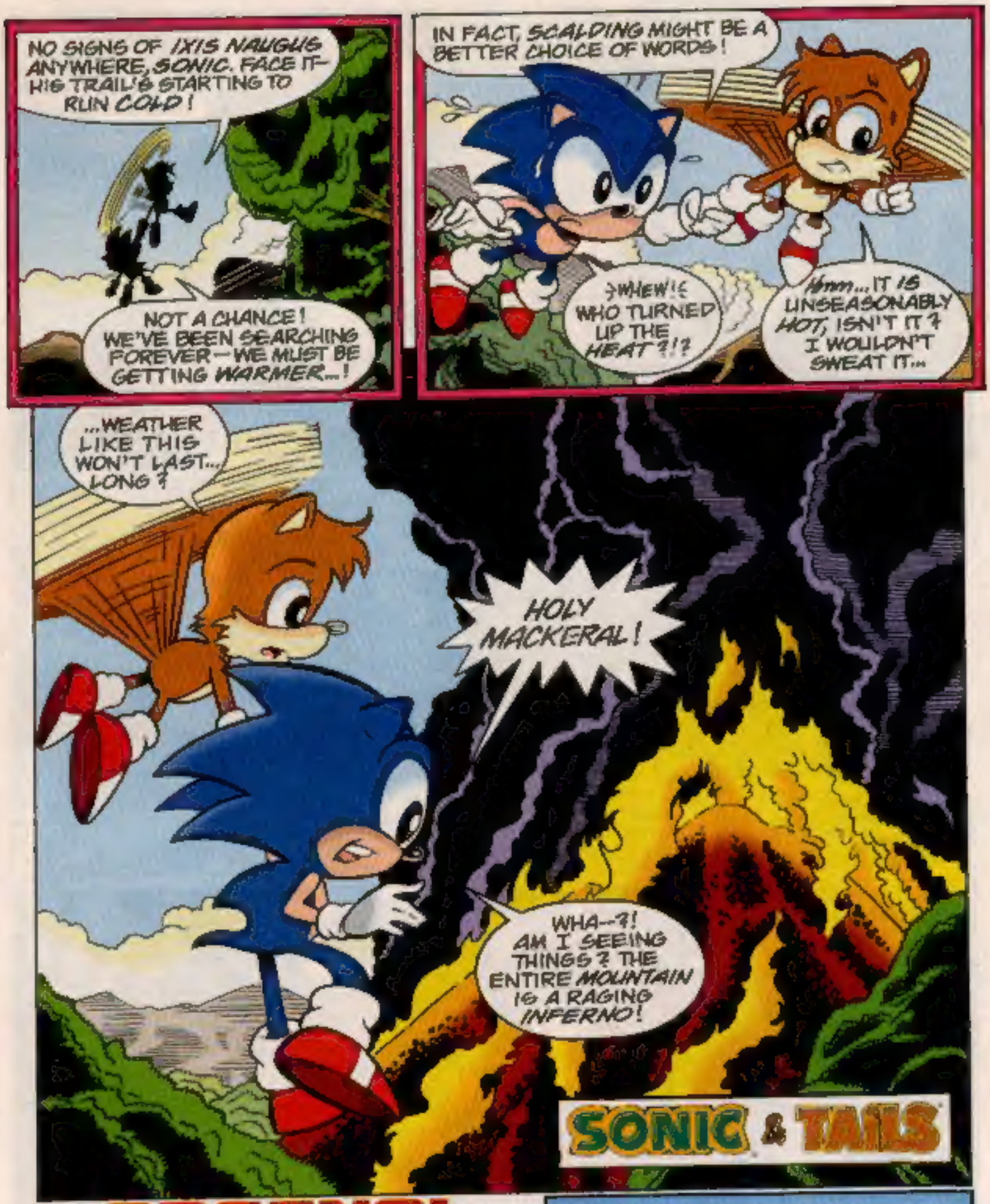

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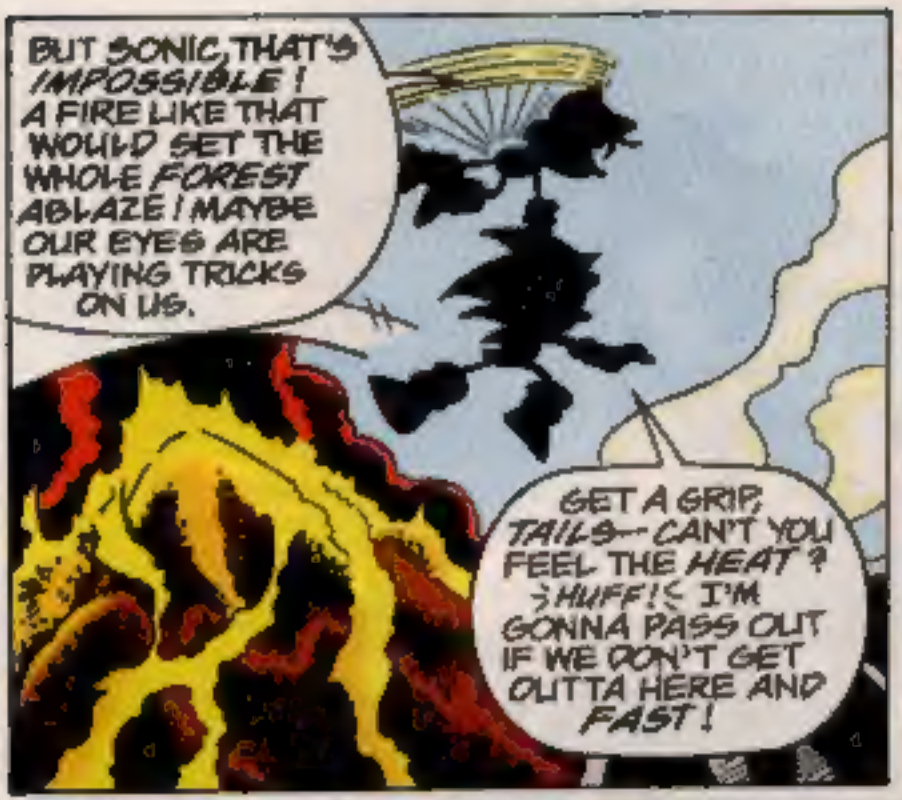
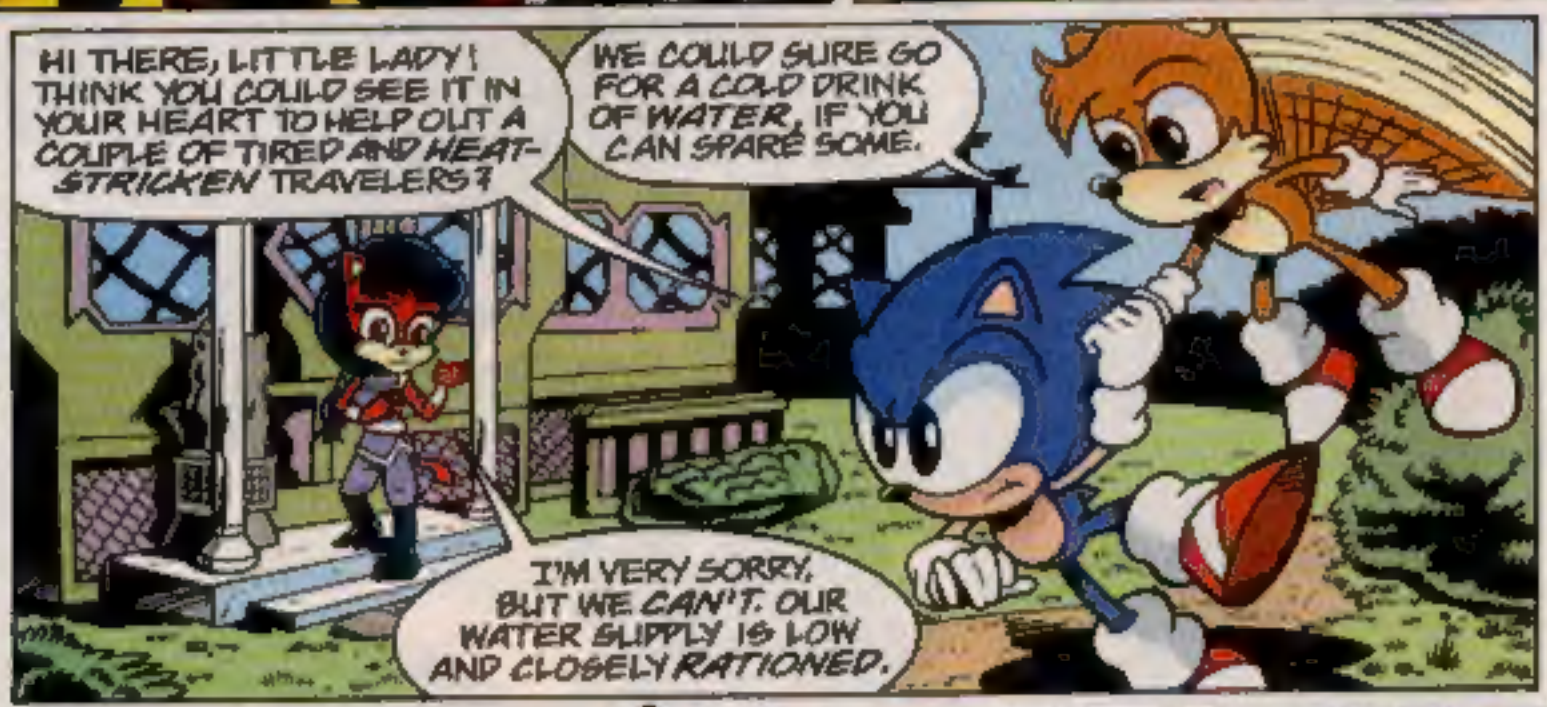

BUT SONIC, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! A FIRE LIKE THAT WOULD SET THE WHOLE FOREST ABLAZE! MAYBE OUR EYES ARE PLAYING TRICKS ON US.
GET A GRIP, TAILS—CAN'T YOU FEEL THE HEAT? ;HUFF!; I'M GONNA PASS OUT IF WE DON'T GET OUTTA HERE AND FAST!

HEY, LOOK! WE'RE IN LUCK-- A VILLAGE AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN!
HOW COULD ANYONE STAND TO LIVE SO CLOSE TO THAT GIANT BONFIRE?


HI THERE, LITTLE LADY! THINK YOU COULD SEE IT IN YOUR HEART TO HELP OUT A COUPLE OF TIRED AND HEAT-STRICKEN TRAVELERS?
WE COULD SURE GO FOR A COLD DRINK OF WATER, IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME.
I'M VERY SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T. OUR WATER SUPPLY IS LOW AND CLOSELY RATIONED.

OH, THAT'S GREAT! AND HERE WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF DEHYDRATION!
MY PEOPLE HAVE NO CHOICE. MOUNT STORM-TOP HAS BURNED CONTINUOUSLY FOR MORE THAN A HUNDRED DAYS! WITHOUT THE WATER, WE WOULD ALL PERISH.
A FIRE THAT'S RAGED FOR A HUNDRED DAYS? AMAZING! BUT IF IT'S SUCH A PROBLEM, WHY DON'T YOU TOWNSFOLK JUST UP AND MOVE?

MOVE? HEH! EASIER SAID THAN DONE, STRANGER! I AM LI YUEN--LI MOON AND I AND OUR FAMILY HAVE LIVED HERE ALL OUR LIVES. WOULD YOU BE SO QUICK TO LEAVE THE PLACE YOU'VE ALWAYS CALLED HOME?

GRANDFATHER!

OKAY, FAIR ENOUGH, OLD MAN... BUT EXACTLY WHAT'S CAUSING THIS FIRE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

THE CURSE OF THE IRON KING! MY PEOPLE REFUSED TO ABIDE THE TYRANT'S DICTATORSHIP, AND AS PAYBACK...

...HIS WIFE, THE SORCEROUS IRON QUEEN, SET THE MOUNTAIN ABLAZE. HER FOUL BLACK MAGIC POWERS KEEP IT BURNING NON-STOP!

THE ONLY THING THAT CAN PUT OUT THE FIRE IS THE ENCHANTED FAN OF FEN XING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE IRON KING KEEPS IT LOCKED AWAY IN HIS ARSENAL...

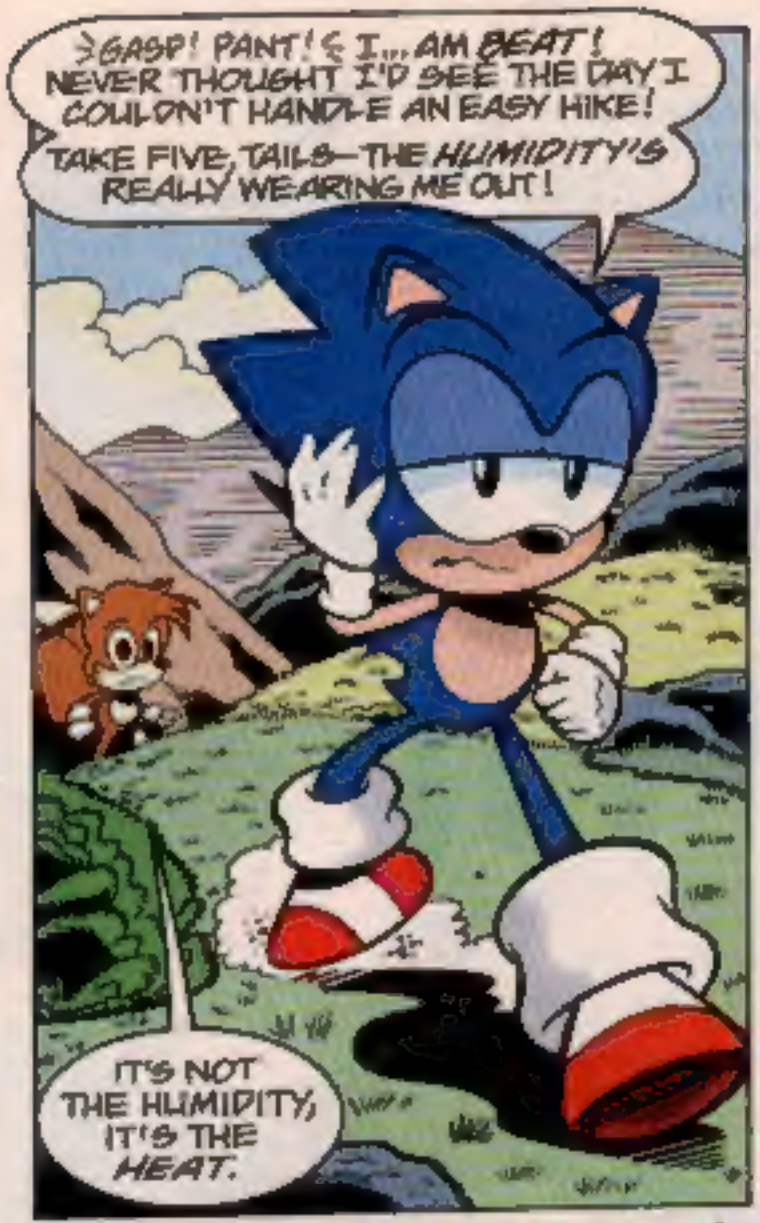
BINGO! ALL YOU GUYS NEED IS SOMEONE BRAVE ENOUGH TO GO GET IT!

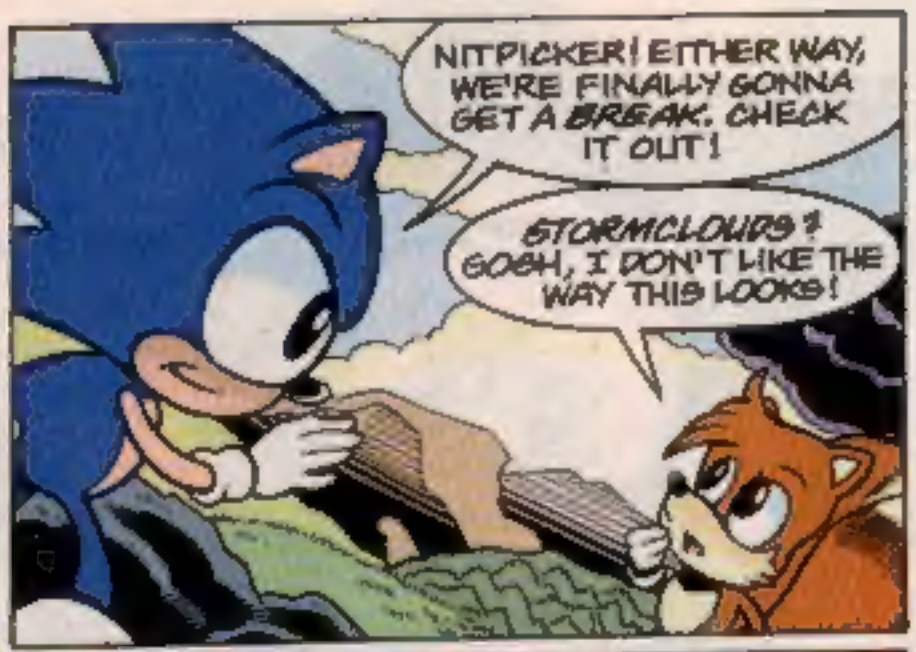
CHALLENGING THE IRON KING IN HIS OWN FORTRESS ISN'T BRAVE--IT'S STUPID!

LUCKY FOR YOU, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE!

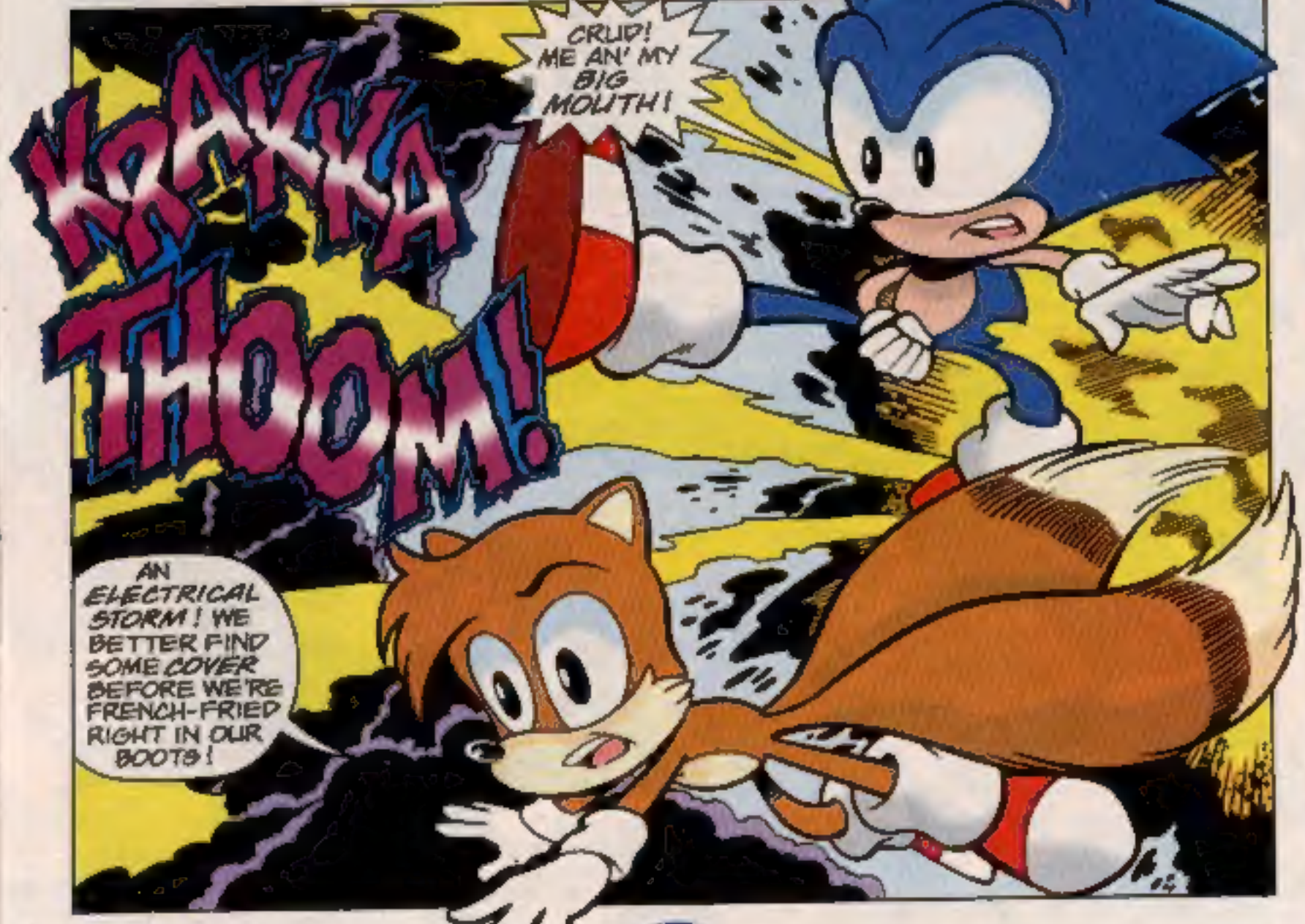
LET'S MOVE IT, TAILS--ROADTRIP!!

MEANWHILE, AT THE IRON FORTRESS...
Heeheeheehee! I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE... A PAIR OF UNEXPECTED GUESTS.
MY! DON'T THEY LOOK DETERMINED! HOW ADORABLE.
DO YOU SUPPOSE THE LITTLE DICKENS MEAN TO AID US IN OUR PURSUITS?
Ee-heeheehee! SUCH A WOEFUL WORRYWART YOU ARE, MY LOVE!
DON'T BE FOOLISH! THERE'S NO DOUBT THESE INTERLOPERS ARE UP TO MISCHIEF!
MISCHIEF THAT COULD PROVE DEADLY FOR US!
THE SITUATION IS NOT AS DIRE AS YOU MAKE IT OUT.
ALL THAT'S CALLED FOR IS A SPOILER TO ADD TO THE MIX--
--SPEAKING OF WHOM...!


GASP! PANT! I... AM BEAT! NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY I COULDN'T HANDLE AN EASY HIKE!
TAKE FIVE, TAILS—THE HUMIDITY'S REALLY WEARING ME OUT!
IT'S NOT THE HUMIDITY, IT'S THE HEAT.


NITPICKER! EITHER WAY, WE'RE FINALLY GONNA GET A BREAK. CHECK IT OUT!
STORMCLOUDS? GOSH, I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THIS LOOKS!

OH, RELAX! KICK BACK AND SOAK IT IN, BUD! A FEW RAINDROPS NEVER HURT ANYONE!


KRAKKA THOOM!
CRUD! ME AN' MY BIG MOUTH!
AN ELECTRICAL STORM! WE BETTER FIND SOME COVER BEFORE WE'RE FRENCH-FRIED RIGHT IN OUR BOOTS!

HOLD! ENEMIES OF THE IRON KING MAY GO NO FURTHER... UNLESS YOU WISH TO FACE MY TERRIBLE WRATH!

DOESN'T IT USUALLY RAIN CATS AND DOGS RATHER THAN MONKEYS?

BIG TROUBLE! THAT'S THE SIMIAN SUPER-CYBORG HIMSELF— MONKEY KHAN! FUNNY THING IS, I COULD'A SWORN HE AND I PARTED AS FRIENDS WHEN LAST WE MET... !*

*THEY MET IN SONIC #55—FREDDY.

DON'T! MONKEY KHAN IS NO ONE'S FRIEND! LEAST OF ALL THOSE WHO WOULD OPPOSE THE IRON KING!

HUH! AFTER ALL THAT TIME HE WAS ROBOTNIK'S DUPE, YOU'D THINK FUZZY WOULDN'T BE TAKING ORDERS FROM ANYONE!

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RUN ALL YOU WANT, SONIC--YOU KNOW *YOUR* SPEED CAN'T MATCH *MINE*!

YEAH, RIGHT!

TAILS, SOMETHING *MONDO UN-COOL* IS GOING ON HERE!

YEAH, SONIC--A *BLOOD-THIRSTY LUNATIC* IS TRYING TO MURDER US!!

THAT'S JUST IT. KHAN'S A HARMLESS PSYCHO, NOT A *MURDERER*! IT'S LIKE HE'S *POSSESSED*. AND HEY, DID YOU CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HIS WEIRD *EYES*? WHAT'S UP WITH *THAT*?!

LIKE THROUGH A HOBBY... WHICH YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR ONCE I WHUP YOUR BUTT CLEAR INTO NEXT WEEK!
Heeheeheehee! DETERMINED AND AMBITIOUS, AREN'T YOU? I LIKE THAT IN AN ENEMY! PITY THOSE VIRTUES WON'T KEEP MY SIMIAN PAWN FROM MOPPING THE FLOOR WITH YOU!
FIGHTING HIM IS A FUTILE GESTURE, BLUE-BOY!
UH-OH! THIS MUST BE THE IRON QUEEN!
MONKEY KHAN'S BOILING OVER WITH RAGE AND FURY! THAT'S WHAT MAKES HIM SO EASILY MANIPULATED--NOT TO MENTION UNDEFEATABLE IN A NO-HOLDS-BARRED BATTLE ROYAL!!
OH, PUH-LEEZE! TO BE THE MAN YOU GOTTA BEAT THE MAN, QUEENIE! AND YOU BETTER BELIEVE I AM THE MAN!
SO, WHAT'CHA GONNA DO WHEN SONIC RUNS HOG WILD ON YOU?!?

SIGH! EVERYONE'S GOTTA HAVE A *DREAM*, I SUPPOSE. WELL, ENJOY THOSE SCANT FEW MOMENTS OF BLISS, HEDGEHOG, 'CAUSE YOU'RE IN FOR A *RUDE AWAKENING*! (Hee! SORRY--I COULDN'T RESIST!)

YOU'VE GOT 'IM ON THE ROPES, MONKEY KHAN! *FINISH HIM OFF!!*

YEEKS!

I'D FORGOTTEN WHAT A *TOUGH CUSTOMER* THIS GUY IS! NEXT TIME I WON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF *UNDERESTIMATING* THE OPPOSITION!

ER... ASSUMING THERE *IS* A NEXT TIME! WHAT A THRILL-- AN HONEST-TO-GOSH *CLIFFHANGER*!

SONIC'S *TOAST* UNLESS I CAN MESS UP THE WITCH'S SPELL...

...LIKE BY KNOCKING OUT HER *CRYSTAL STAFF*...

DOWIABUNGAAAAAH!

KRAAASH!

HUH? WHA? WHO? HOW? WHERE? SONIC! WHAT AM I...?

EASY DOES IT, BUD. YOU'VE JUST COME TO YOUR *SENSES*...OR Y'KNOW, A REASONABLE *FACSIMILE*!*

* AN EXACT COPY-- DICTIONARY JAS

OOOH!! DARN YOUR SOCKS! NOW YOU'VE GONE AND RUINED MY FUN! YOU WIN *ROUND ONE*, HEDGEHOG, BUT THE GAME'S ONLY GETTING *STARTED*!

YEAH, YEAH! DON'T COME CRYIN' TO *ME* AT HALF-TIME, TOOTS!

WAY TO SAVE THE DAY, TAILS! SO, WHAT'S THE SKINNY? THE CRYSTAL STAFF WAS THE SOURCE OF HER SO-CALLED "MAGIC?"

I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S REALLY GOT MYSTIC POWERS, OR NOT BECAUSE WHEN I SMASHED HER STAFF LOOK WHAT CAME OUT OF IT...

POWER RINGS! THE IRON QUEEN MUST'VE BUILT THEM INTO HER STAFF TO *AMPLIFY* HER STAFF! WE'RE DEALING WITH SOME SCARY CHARACTERS HERE, TAILS!

NORMALLY, MONKEY KHAN WOULD *RELISH* SUCH A CHALLENGE...BUT IT MIGHT BE WISE TO BACK OUT WHILE WE STILL CAN!

ARE YOU *KIDDING*? I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW THIS MISADVENTURE TURNS OUT MK!

EVENTUALLY...

TRAIN RIDE'S OVER, TROOPS, AND I DO BELIEVE THIS IS OUR STOP...

...THE *IRON FORTRESS*, IN ALL ITS GLORY! UH, SUCH THAT IT IS.

S-S-SUCH THAT IT IS!

DON'T HAVE A COW, KID! THE OLD *SINISTER ARCHITECTURE* TRICK IS AN *OBVIOUS* PLOY!

SONIC'S RIGHT. IT'S MERELY A STRATEGY DESIGNED TO FUEL OUR FEARS AND THROW US OFF GUARD. WE'RE FAR TOO *SMART* TO FALL FOR *THAT*!

SHUDDER! Y-Y-YOU DON'T THINK THEY KNOW WE'RE COMING, DO YOU?

HECK, NO! THEY *ALWAYS* LEAVE THE DOORS OPEN FOR *WEARY* TRAVELERS!

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING WE'RE WALKING INTO A *TRAP*!

NO DUH! POINTLESS TRYING TO *SECOND GUESS* THEM, SO LET'S JUST FIND THE *ARSENAL* AND GET IT OVER WITH!

IN A CASTLE *THIS* SIZE, IT MIGHT TAKE *HOURS*. THE IRON KING PROBABLY KEEPS IT *WELL HIDDEN*!

I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT. HERE IT IS!

COOL! LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN THE—!!

EGOCENTRIC PUP! YOU COULDN'T BE FURTHER OFF THE MARK!

THOOM

CHEEZIT! THE BIG GUY'S ON TO US!

THE IRON KING'S SECURITY SYSTEM IS TOP NOTCH—EACH AND EVERY SNEAK-THIEF IS DEALT WITH PERSONALLY!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE, TAILS—NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO NAB THE FAN!

BUT, SONIC, I CAN'T LEAVE YOU BEHIND LIKE THIS...!

RIDICULOUS! NOT WHEN MONKEY KHAN IS HERE TO BACK HIM UP! THERE'S NOTHING ME AND MY ATOM-BAT ENJOY MORE THAN A GOOD TUSSLE!

HAHAHAHA!

WE'LL SEE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT AFTER THE IRON KING CRUSHES YOU TO PULP!

WOW! WHAT A COLLECTION! BUT THERE'S SO MANY...

...CANNONS... BUTTERFLY SWORDS... MACES... HEAT-SEEKING MISSILES...!

BINGO! THE FAN OF FEN XING!

GRR! HOLD STILL, BLAST YOU!!

SONIC! I GOT IT I GOT IT I GOT IT!

ATABOY, TAILS! HAND IT OVER FAST!

LET'S CUT LOOSE AN' SEE WHAT THIS BAD BOY CAN REALLY DO!

KRAH KOOOM

NOOO!! I WON'T LET YOU TAKE MY FAN-- !!

TOO LATE— WE ALREADY DID! SO TAKE A HIKE, WILLYA?

FWOOOOSH!

INCREDIBLE!! THIS BABY BLEW HIM CLEAR INTO THE NEXT TIME ZONE!

I'VE HEARD LEGENDS ABOUT HOW AWESOME THE FAN WAS, BUT I HAD NO IDEA...!

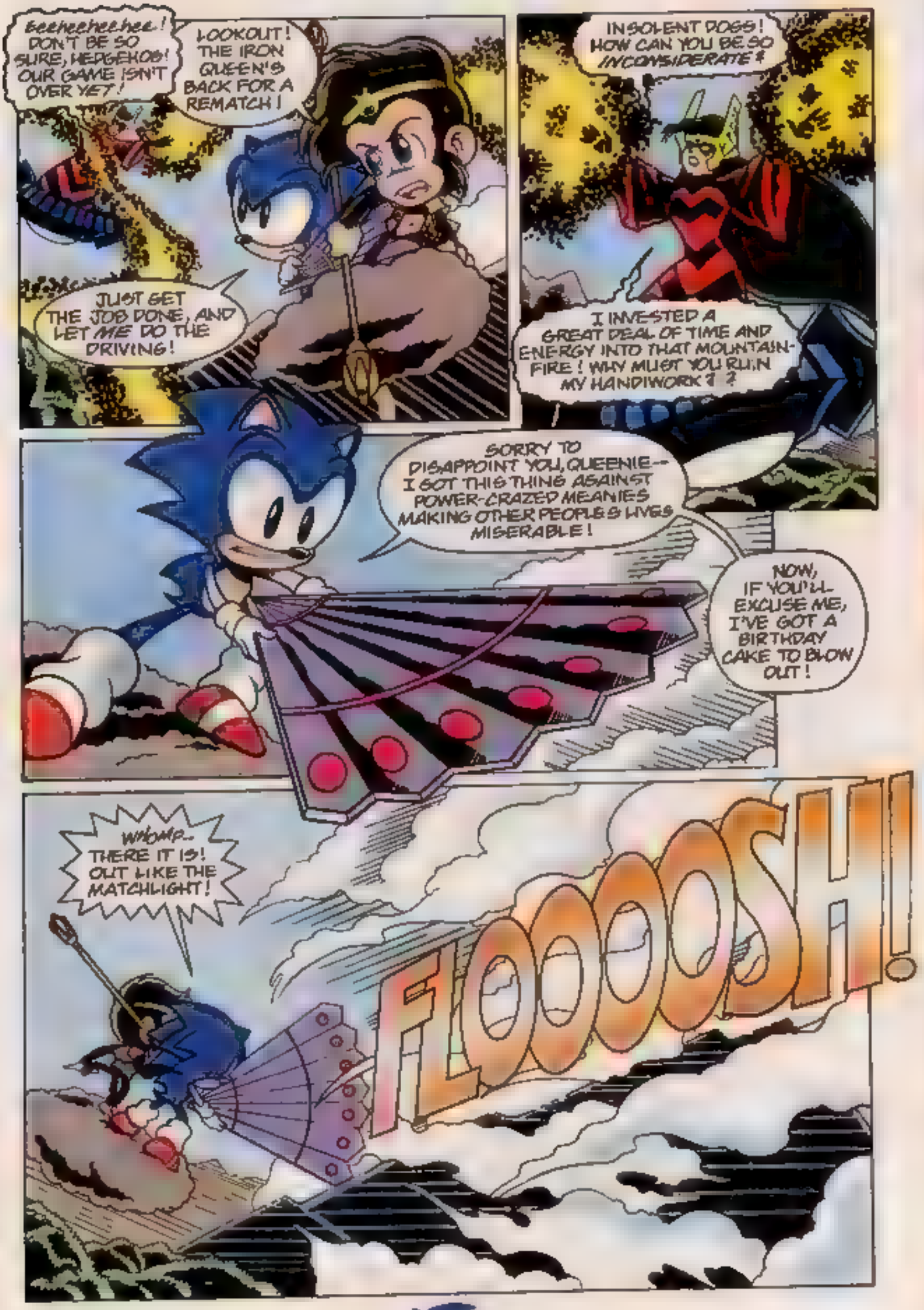
BET YOU THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A LOT OF HOT AIR! ;SNICKER!;

YO, GUYS— HOLD OFF ON THE CELEBRATION. WE GOT OURSELVES A FIRE TO PUT OUT FIRST!

FINALLY...

MOUNT STORMTOP DEAD AHEAD! READY TO RUMBLE, SONIC?

NO PROBLEM. THE TOUGH PART'S OVER—FROM HERE ON OUT, IT'S A CAKEWALK!


heeheeheehee! DON'T BE SO SURE, HEDGEHOG! OUR GAME ISN'T OVER YET!
LOOKOUT! THE IRON QUEEN'S BACK FOR A REMATCH!
JUST GET THE JOB DONE, AND LET ME DO THE DRIVING!
INSOLENT DOGS! HOW CAN YOU BE SO INCONSIDERATE?
I INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND ENERGY INTO THAT MOUNTAIN-FIRE! WHY MUST YOU RUIN MY HANDIWORK?
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, QUEENIE-- I GOT THIS THING AGAINST POWER-CRAZED MEANIES MAKING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES MISERABLE!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT A BIRTHDAY CAKE TO BLOW OUT!
WHOMP-- THERE IT IS! OUT LIKE THE MATCHLIGHT!
FLOOOOSH!

GAME, SET, AND MATCH, QUEENIE! ANOTHER SPECTACULAR VICTORY FOR THE GOOD GUYS! GOT ANY PARTING WORDS FOR THE HOME TEAM CROWD?

YES: "CURSES--FOILED AGAIN!" I WON'T REST UNTIL I HAVE MY REVENGE! UNTIL THEN, LOOK FOR ME IN YOUR NIGHTMARES!

HAHAHAHA! YOU DID IT, SONIC! THE CURSE HAS LIFTED AT LAST!

WELL SHUCKS, LI MOON! T'WEREN'T NOTHIN' ANY OTHER HERO WOULDN'T HAVE DONE!

HEY, DON'T FORGET--WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE MONKEY KHAN'S HELP.

I'M NOT AT ALL SURPRIZED. THE ANCIENT PROPHESIES FORETOLD THE ASCENSION OF A GREAT MONKEY KING!

MONKEY... KING?!?

PFFT! GO FIGURE! THE HEDGEHOG DOES ALL THE WORK, BUT THE MONKEY GETS HIS OWN PROPHESY!

MAN, I HAVE GOT TO GET A NEW PUBLICIST!

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THE ULTIMATUM

Princess Sally

I WAS TOLD YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, DADDY!

YES! YES! COME IN, SALLY!

WE HAVEN'T REALLY SPOKEN MUCH LATELY--AND NOW THAT I'VE COLLECTED MY THOUGHTS--

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I BELIEVE IT'S WELL PAST TIME WE DID!

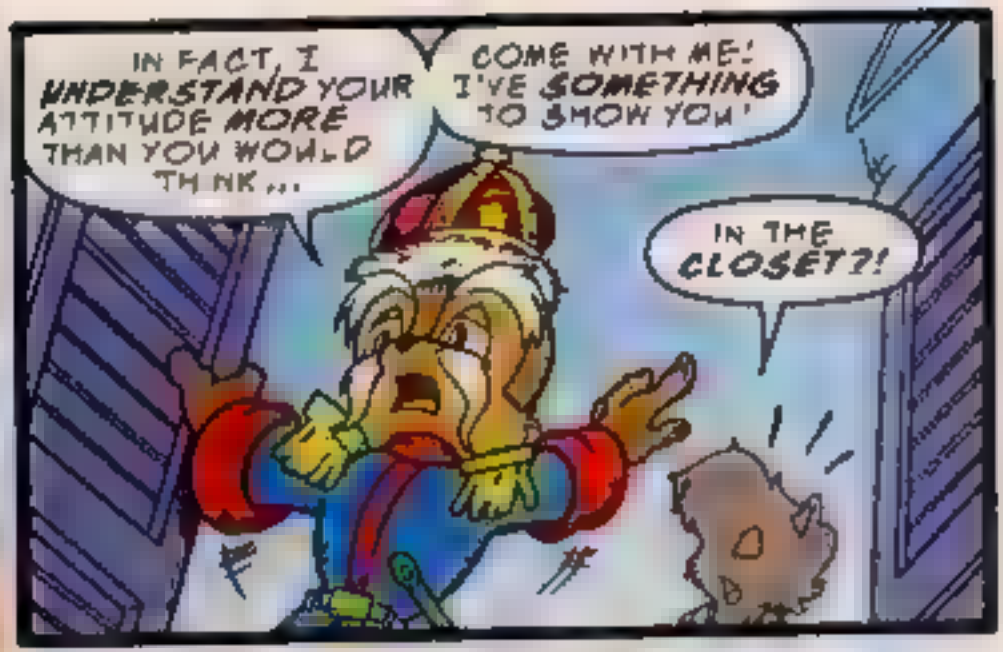
I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY, DADDY.

I'VE ALWAYS DONE WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME TO DO, BUT IT'S JUST THAT--

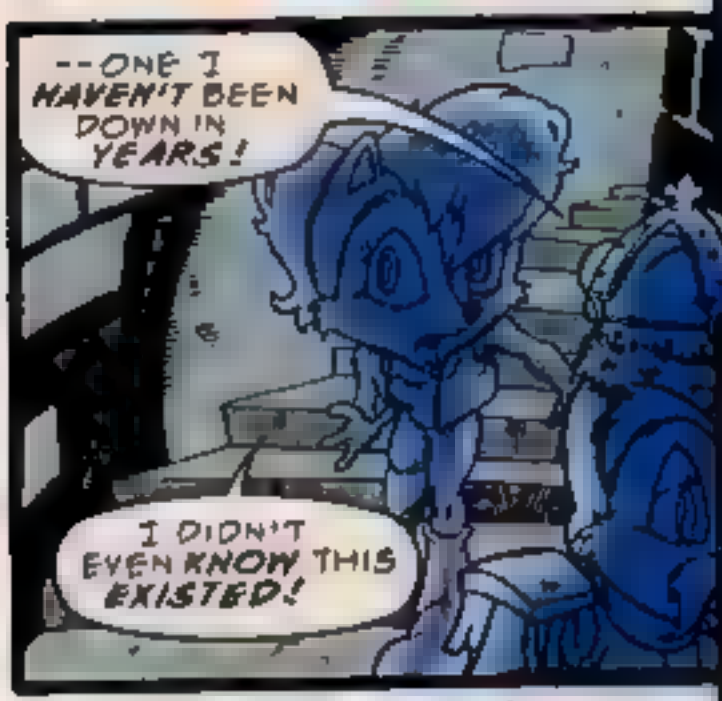
--EVER SINCE [illegible] DISMANTLING OF THE ROBIANS YOU'VE BEEN QUESTIONING MY JUDGEMENT!

NOW I ADMIT I WASN'T COMPLETELY "MYSELF" THEN AND HAVE SINCE ALLOWED THE ROBIANS THEIR OWN SPACE AT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.

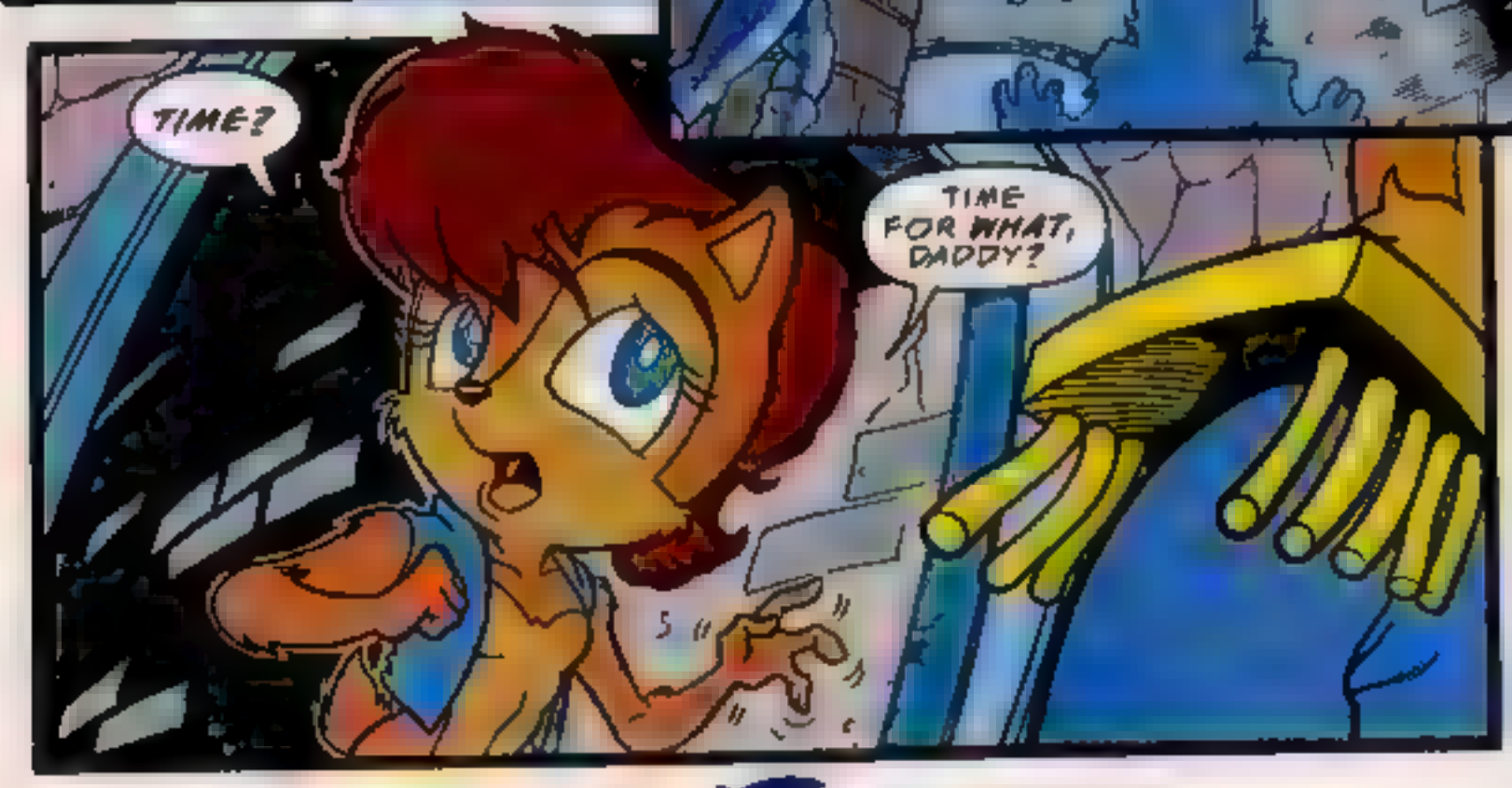
THEY'RE NOT "ROBIANS" DADDY. THEY'RE MOBIANS!
MORE THAN A FEW OF OUR PEOPLE WOULD DISAGREE WITH YOU, MY DEAR--
--BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I SUMMONED YOU HERE!


IN FACT, I UNDERSTAND YOUR ATTITUDE MORE THAN YOU WOULD THINK...
COME WITH ME! I'VE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!
IN THE CLOSET?!

NO--THROUGH THIS SECRET PASSAGEWAY!


--ONE I HAVEN'T BEEN DOWN IN YEARS!
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THIS EXISTED!

YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO--
--AT LEAST NOT UNTIL THE PROPER TIME!

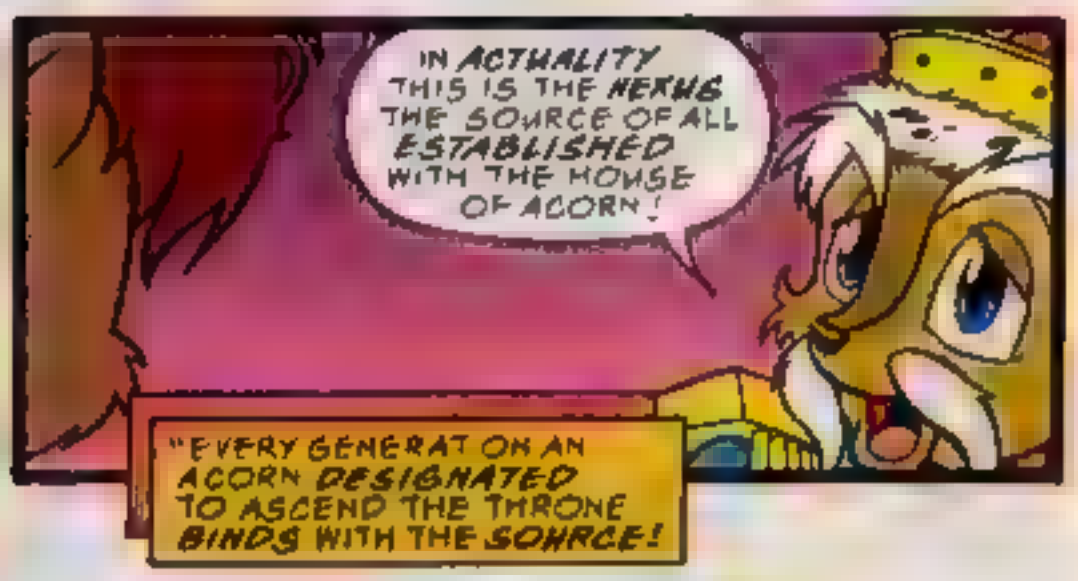

TIME?
TIME FOR WHAT, DADDY?

WHY YOUR TENTH COMMEMORATION OF COURSE!

WHEREUPON YOU WOULD TRULY LEARN OF YOUR BIRTHRIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITIES!

BEHOLD THE POOL--

--THE LINK TO THE SOURCE OF ALL!



"EVERY GENERATION AN ACORN DESIGNATED TO ASCEND THE THRONE BINDS WITH THE SOURCE!

"THE PROCESS USUALLY BEGINS WITH THE TENTH COMMEMORATION!"*

*As shown in "THE LIVING CROWN" in SONIC #58 - Justin

--AND NOW YOU MUST DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO RULE OVER THE REALM--
FOR WITH THE BLESSING A PRICE MUST BE PAID!
YOU WILL BE JOINED PHYSICALLY-- SPIRITUALLY --WITH THE SOURCE OF ALL!
OF GREATER SIGNIFICANCE IS THE FACT--
--YOU WILL BE THE FIRST ACORN FEMALE TO UNDERGO THE RITE!
I'M READY FOR WHATEVER IS REQUIRED OF ME DADDY
NOT SO FAST MY DARLING ONE!
IN YOUR CASE, WE WOULD HAVE TO START THINKING OF THE FUTURE --
--AND A KING SUITABLE TO SIT AT YOUR SIDE!
I DON'T THINK I'M READY TO MARRY SOMEONE ANYTIME SOON, DADDY!
AND I KNOW SONIC WOULD RUN FOR THE HILLS IF I EVEN MENTIONED THE SUBJECT!
THE HEDGEHOG?!
OUT OF THE QUESTION!!
WHA- ?! WHY?!

A MONARCH DOESN'T CHOOSE HIS MATE THE SOURCE DOES!

MY OWN FATHER WAS GUIDED WHEN SELECTING YOUR MOTHER FOR ME!

"WE WERE BETROTHED WHEN WE WERE BUT ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE!

"UPON OUR EIGHTEENTH [illegible] WE WERE MARRIED!"

SO ARE YOU SAYING THIS-- THIS SOURCE OF ALL--HAS ADVISED YOU ON WHO I SHOULD MARRY?

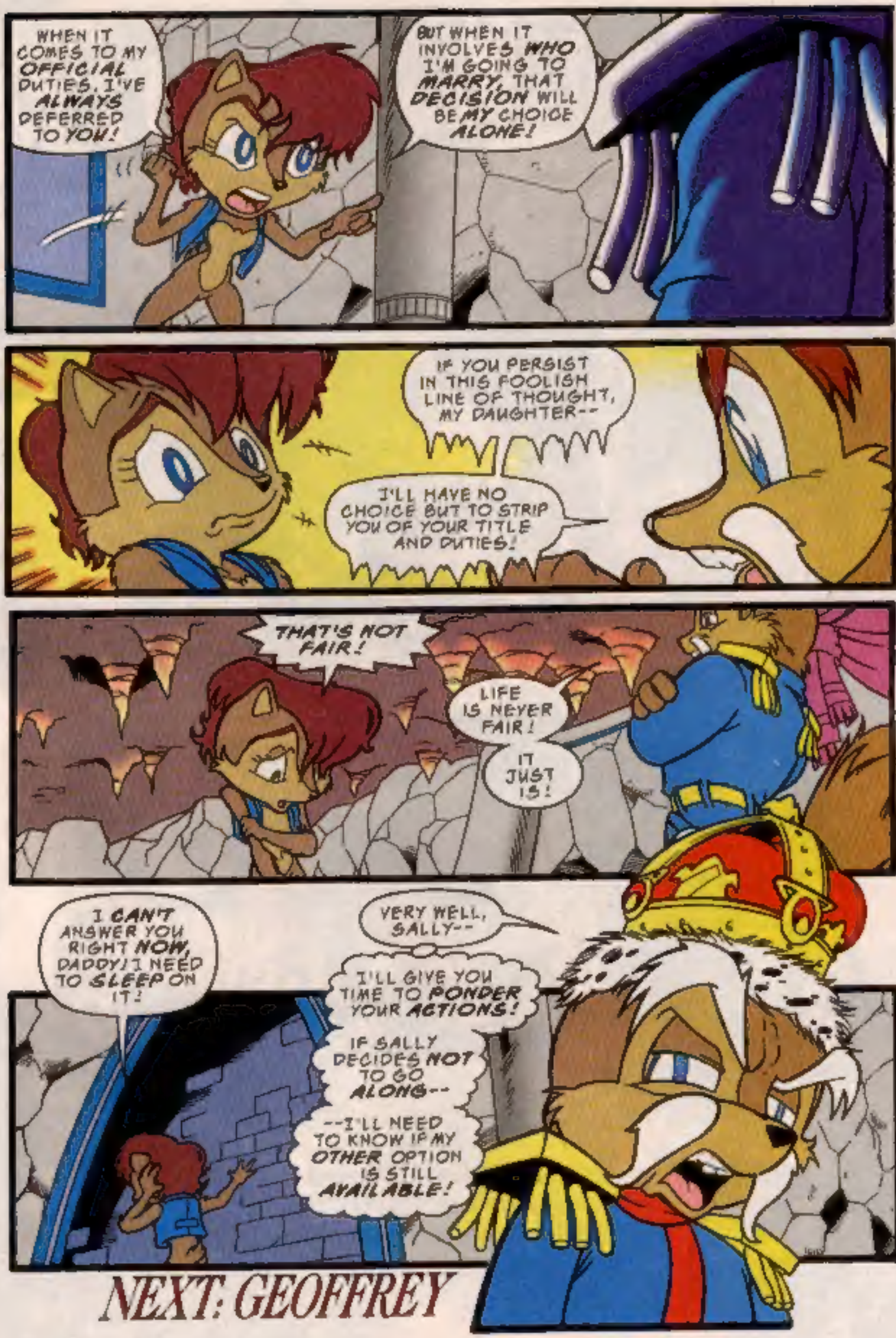
NOT SHOULD--BUT WILL--IF YOU UNDERGO THE IMMERSION!

GENERAL D'COOLETTE'S SON WILL MAKE A FINE HUSBAND FOR YOU!

ANTOINE?

I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH YOUNG D'COOLETTE THEN!

YOU'LL DO NO SUCH THING, DADDY!



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HEY KIDS! HERE'S A *BONUS PIN-UP* FOR YOU TO COLOR, PENCILLED BY THE ONE AND ONLY, *JIM VALENTINO*, CREATOR OF *SHADOWHAWK* AND CO-FOUNDER OF *IMAGE COMICS!* ENJOY!
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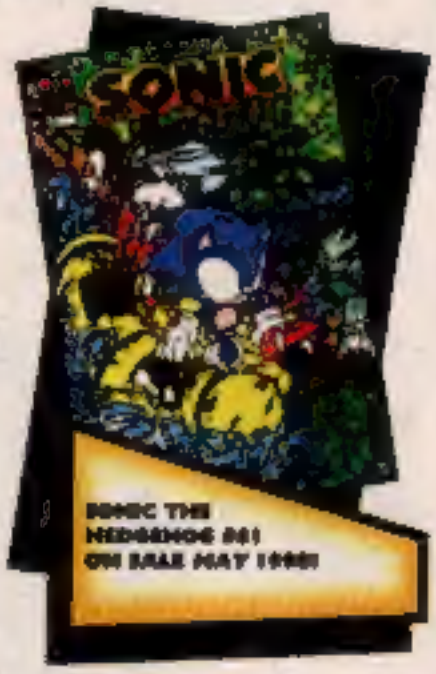
THIS JUST IN!

DOWN WITH DOWNUNDA!

NEXT MONTH: SONIC AND TAILS TRAVEL TO THE ISLAND OF DOWNUNDA AND TEAM UP WITH THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS AGAINST... ONE OF THEIR OWN AND HIS ANTS! THIS STORY HAS SO MANY THRILLS AND CHILLS, DUNDEE-STYLE. "OUTBACK GUT CHECK" IS WRITTEN BY MICHAEL GALLAGHER. ART BY COVER INKER, HARVEY "HARVO" MENCADOCCIO. TWO MORE BONUS STORIES ARE OFFERED IN THIS ISSUE: WHAT DOES EVIL WAGGAS DO WHEN SONIC AND TAILS CATCH UP TO HIM? BY DAN BULLOCK WITH SONIC NEWCOMER... PENCILER STEVEN (SPIDERMAN, SILVER SABLE) BUTLER, AND CHECK OUT GEOFFREY ST. JOHN UNDERTAKE NEW ORDERS FROM KING ACORN. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #61 ON SALE MAY 1998!



IN TWO WEEKS: "A TENUOUS GRIP ON REALITY" STARTS OUT WITH THE CHAOTIX IN DIRE STRAITS. WITH THEM OFF THE STREETS, IT LOOKS LIKE THE BAD GUYS ARE GOING TO HAVE A FIELD DAY, RIGHT? WRONG! NOT WHEN JULIE-SU AND REMINGTON TEAM UP AND HIT THE STREETS. IT'S [illegible] AND DOUBLE-CROSSING CAYENE. PLUS A SECRET ABOUT ONE OF THE CHAOTIX IS REVEALED! JOIN KEN PENDERS, MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY IN THE SECOND PART OF "THE CHAOTIX CAPER!" KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #14 ON SALE APRIL 1998!

IN OTHER SEGA NEWS: NIGHTS INTO DREAMS IS NOW AN ONGOING SERIES! PICKING UP WHERE THE POPULAR MINI-SERIES LEFT OFF... NIGHTS NOW EXISTS IN THE WAKING WORLD. BUT HOW CAN A CREATURE OF DREAMS SURVIVE IN REALITY? THINGS GO FROM BAD TO WORSE AS NIGHTS COMICALLY TRIES HIS BEST TO FIGURE THE WORLD OUT FOR HIMSELF. AND WHAT OF ELLIOT AND CLARISE? IF NIGHTS IS IN THE WAKING WORLD, HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THEM IN THEIR DREAMS? YOU CAN BE SURE NIGHTS' NEMESIS, REALA, WILL USE THIS TO HIS ADVANTAGE! STORY BY [illegible], ART BY [illegible], PATRICK "SPAZ" SPAGNOLI AND [illegible] WITH INKS BY [illegible]. NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #4 ON SALE JUNE 1998!

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

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TODAY WE WILL ANSWER LETTERS REFERRING TO SONIC #51 & #52. LET'S GO...

DEAR SONIC,

I'M ONE OF YOUR BIGGEST FANS. SONIC #50 WAS THE BEST ISSUE SINCE MECHA MADNESS #1. BUT WHAT I REALLY CAN'T WAIT FOR IS SONIC #100. I'M GLAD YOU FINALLY THROUGH RELEASE. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF A DIFFERENT EDITION HAD OCCURRED. ANYWAY I HAVE QUESTIONS: 1) ARE HYPER SONIC AND SUPER TAILS GOING TO APPEAR? 2) WHAT'S KING ACORN'S FIRST NAME? 3) IS YOUR FATHER JULES GOING TO MAKE ANOTHER APPEARANCE? 4) WHY DON'T YOU JUST TIE THE KNOT ALREADY? I MEAN SALLY JUST SUFFERED A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE SO JUST MARRY THE GIRL! GLAD I MET YOU. BYE!

FRANK PAUL
SCOTT BRADFORD (AGE 11)
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HEY, SCOTT, WHAT'S GOING ON? I CAN'T WAIT FOR SONIC#100 EITHER TO SHOW THAT I HAVE AS MUCH WEIGHT AS SOME OF THE BIG BOYS IN COMICS! IF THAT HAPPENS, I HAVE YOU, THE FANS, TO THANK FOR THAT. TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS: 1) TURBO TAILS AND I (IN MY "SUPER" FORM) DID SHOW UP IN SONIC #54, I HOPE YOU CAUGHT US! 2) KING ACORN'S FIRST NAME IS MAXIMILIAN. 3) BOTH MY PARENTS, AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, HAVE BOTH RETURNED! IN ORDER TO SEE MORE OF THEIR APPEARANCES, MAKE SURE YOU CATCH NEW UPCOMING ISSUES! 4)HEY DUDE, STOP RUSHING THE OL' SPEEDSTER! I'M NOT LOOKING TO SETTLE DOWN ANYTIME SOON! I'M TOO BUSY HAVING FREEDOM-FIGHTING FUN!

DEAR SONIC AND TAILS,

I JUST READ ISSUE #51. IT REALLY SURPRISED ME BECAUSE I THOUGHT #50 WAS THE LAST ISSUE! I'M REALLY GLAD IT'S NOT. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU: 1) WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL IS SALLY? 2) WHO IS THAT PINK FEMALE HEDGEHOG? I SAW HER LOOKING AT YOU, SONIC, WITH HEARTS ABOVE HER HEAD IN THE COVER OF #51? 3) HOW COME I NEVER SEE HER RUNNING AS FAST AS YOU AND NEVER REALLY GOING ON ADVENTURES WITH YOU ANYMORE? I JUST WANTED TAILS TO KNOW THAT HE'S MY MOST FAVORITE CHARACTER! SONIC, YOU'RE MY CLOSE SECOND. BOTH OF YOU ARE THE COOLEST DUDES! SEE YA!

KATE COLLINS (AGE 12)
MANOR HEIGHTS, MJ

HEY, KATE, WHAT'S GOING ON? GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ENJOYED ISSUE #51! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU THOUGHT #50 WAS THE LAST ISSUE! WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?!!
1) WELL, JUST TO TELL YA' SALLY IS HALF CHIPMUNK FROM HER MOTHER'S SIDE AND HALF SQUIRREL FROM HER FATHER'S SIDE, ISN'T THAT COOL!
2) THAT PINK HEDGEHOG YOU HAD YOUR EYE ON IS AMY ROSE WHO MADE HER FIRST APPEARANCE IN SONIC#25.
3) NOW YOU SAID YOU NEVER SEE TAILS AND SONIC TOGETHER IN ANY ADVENTURES. NEVER SAY NEVER!

DEAR SONIC,

NUMBER 51 FEATURED SAM MARWELL'S BEST ARTWORK. MECHA SALLY, TAILS AND BUNNIE WERE GREAT, TOO! THE ONLY THING I DIDN'T LIKE WAS THE COVER. I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE MADE IT ABOUT THE DREAM AND NOT THE CELEBRATION SINCE THE STORY WAS ABOUT THE DREAM. THOUGH THE STORY WAS GOOD I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS: 1) HOW DID THE "VIRTUAL DREAM" END? 2) WHY WERE UNCLE CHUCK'S WORDS SCRAMBLED? 3) DOES TRIPLE S STAND FOR TRIPLE SPIN? SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #2: BRAVE NEW WORLD SHOULD BE GOOD.

BRAD D. BROWN
SHELBY, OHIO

HEY, BRAD, WHAT'S UP? NUMBER 51 WAS AWESOME, WASN'T IT? ALTHOUGH YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD POINT, WE DIDN'T WANT THE COVER TO SPOIL THE SURPRISE. NOW ON TO YOUR QUESTIONS: 1) THE "VIRTUAL DREAM" NEVER DID ACTUALLY END BECAUSE UNCLE CHUCK BROKE THROUGH THE DREAM AND WOKE ME UP. 2) THE REASON WHY UNCLE CHUCK'S WORDS GOT SCRAMBLED WAS BECAUSE HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE COMMUNICATING TO ME THROUGH MY DREAM.
3) YES, TRIPLE S DOES STAND FOR TRIPLE SPIN. YOU'VE GOT IT GOING ON, DUDE! LET ME KNOW IF YOU THOUGHT "BRAVE NEW WORLD" WAS THE BOMB!

HEY SONIC,

I READ ISSUE #52 AND I THOUGHT IT WAS COOL! I LIKE READING YOUR COMICS EVEN THOUGH I ONLY HAVE #47 AND 52 RIGHT NOW. I'M STILL RIGHT NOW TRYING TO FIND THE SONIC ANNUAL OR AT LEAST READ IT. NOW FOR THE QUESTIONS: 1) DID YOU EVER FIND OUT WHY THE "ZONE OF SILENCE" DIDN'T HAVE ANY EMERALDS? 2) RIGHT NOW YOU ARE TEACHING TAILS TO RUN AS FAST AS YOU. WILL HE HAVE SPECIAL SHOES LIKE YOU? 3) WHERE DID ROBOTNIK COME FROM? 4) DID YA' KNOW MAMMOTH MOGUL HAS THE ALL SHOES OF KOMAKO? SEE YA'. PEACE OUT!

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1) THE "ZONE OF SILENCE" DOESN'T HAVE ANY EMERALDS IN IT BECAUSE IT WAS CREATED BY THE WIZARD IXIS, MAUGUS. 2) FOR MORE ABOUT TAILS' SHOES AND HOW HE GOT THEM, READ SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #5: SONIC KIDS. 3) HE CAME FROM THE RACE OF BEINGS KNOWN ONLY AS THE OVERLANDERS.
4) WE FOUND OUT IN SONIC #54. NOW THAT IT IS BACK IN THE KING'S POSSESSION, WE'LL BREATHE THAT MUCH EASIER. SEE YA', DAVID.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, KEEP ON JUICIN'!